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LEXINGTON, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1901.

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Higginsville.

John McClain, of Dover, was here Monday.

Harry Rowell, of Kansas City, spent Sunday here.

John W. Lewis, of Corder was in town Tuesday.

H. C. Looney had business in Lexington Sunday.

Albert Shelton, of Slater, visited in Higginsville Sunday.

Harvey Asbury made a flying trip to Kansas City last Friday.

Mrs. Sanford Thornton, of Lexington, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Miss Scholle, of Alma, were visitors in our city Tuesday.

John Reed received a fine Dane dog from Kansas City this week.

Congressman Cooney, of Marshall, was in Higginsville Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Mourve spent Monday with her brother in Mayview.

Harry Powell, of Kansas City, visited Higginsville friends Sunday.

Miss Mary Willie Redd, of Dover, visited friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Lerner, of Corder, was in Higginsville shopping Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Winn, of Dover, spent Wednesday in Higginsville.

Art Van Doorn, of Kansas City, spent Sunday here with friends.

Many Higginsvilleans attended the August meeting at Dover Sunday.

Born, in this city, Monday, Aug. 12, 1901, to Mrs. D. H. Hancock, a boy.

Miss Jessie Green returned Sunday from a visit to friends in Kansas City.

Ida Torp returned Friday from a visit to Lillian Bonham at Kansas City.

Will Kelley shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Mark Belt shipped a car load of work horses to El Reno Monday night.

Mr. Chas. Dysart and sister, Miss Ola, of Dover, were in this city Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Maddox returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit at Columbia.

Hugh Baker, of Columbia, spent Monday here the guest of Robert Maddox.

Mrs. Campbell, of Kansas City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beasley visited relatives and friends in Sweet Springs Sunday.

J. O. King left Monday for El Reno, with his two race horses Floessie B. and Rustena.

Miss Effie Craig, who has been quite ill for the past six weeks, is now convalescent.

Miss Minnie Hickman is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Browning, near Blackburn.

Miss Matelle Mourve left for Louisiana, Missouri, Thursday for an extended visit.

The Misses Haas and Miss Laura Frerking, of Corder, were shopping here Friday.

Miss Vera Garrett, of Odessa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed the latter part of last week.

Joe Hackley, Jim Blevins, John McCance and Clark Salyers left for Oklahoma country Tuesday.

John Willis, traveling salesman for Barton Bros. shoe house at Kansas City was in town Friday.

Miss Sallie Harrelson, of Belton, Missouri, was the guest of Mrs. Walter Ohles several days this week.

Mrs. Lane Vermillion and children are here visiting home folks. They left Wednesday for Oak Grove to visit Mr. Vermillion's father.

Campbell Well, grand master of Plattsburg, Mo.; Mr. Yocum, S. G. W. of State of Mo. from Kansas, Wm. F. Huhn, J. G. U. State of Mo., and Mrs. Kuhu, Rev. G. Y. Quinn, of Odessa; Mr. Waters, of Lexington; Dr. Southerly and wife of Independence, Mr. Murdock, of Plattsburg, were among those who attended the laying of the corner stone of the new hospital at the "Confederate Home."

Misses Minnie Karsmeyer and Anna Fairmeier are spending the week with relatives and friends in Kansas City.

Quite a number from adjoining towns attended the laying of the corner stone at the Home Wednesday.

Miss Ica Marshall returned to her home in Kansas City, Wednesday, after a month's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Al Hoefler.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanc and daughter, Miss Edna, of Quincy, Illinois, who are visiting relatives near Alma, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. F. L. Myers returned to Kansas City Thursday evening after a two weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meigs.

Miss Gertie Bird, who has been spending the summer with Miss Cora Gladdish at her pleasant home near town, returned to Kansas City Thursday.

Stonney Parker, D. Y. Frigmore, P. Rhodes, I. P. Taylor, Clarence Corder, of near Alma, attended the laying of the corner stone at Confederate Home, Wednesday.

Miss Lora Grimes, who has been visiting the families of C. F. Grimes and J. T. Willis, left Friday morning for Independence, where she will attend the Institute.

Mr. Al Hoefler entertained the members of the Epworth League of the German M. E. Church Tuesday evening. About 50 persons were present and a very pleasant evening was spent.

A merry little crowd visited the "Home" Wednesday, and made the evening gay with music and dancing. Those in attendance were Misses Myrtle Carter, Jessie Carpenter, Eleanor Warren, Rubamah Seacore, Ada McDaniel, Kathryn and Ella Hartman, Nettie Barksdale, Lucile Carter, Lina Johnson, and Miss Maxwell, of Kansas City; Messrs. S. J. Neale, Chas. Dyer, Dr. G. C. Chamberlain, Chas. Dyer, M. T. Hartman, Claude Willis, Ralph Holbrook, J. T. Grimes, E. W. Holland and Ben Hoefler.

More than 1,500 persons witnessed the laying of the corner stone for the new hospital building at the Confederate Home at Higginsville Wednesday. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Masonic lodge, and were directed by Grand Master Wells of Platte City. As is always the case when the Masons are in charge, the programme was carried out most successfully. Many interesting and impressive addresses were made by prominent speakers. The list of articles deposited was long and interesting. It will be published in full in the next issue of the INTELLIGENCER, with the names of depositors.

Wheat, Corn and Stocks.

Reports from many points in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and other corn states are to the effect that corn is still deteriorating. Some improvement was shown in Kansas, but it was slight. France reports a shortage in wheat, the consul general at Marseilles estimating that 56 million bushels will be required from abroad. About 20 million bushels of soft wheat will be supplied that country from the United States.

The Government crop report shows losses on all the grain-carrying roads of the country, and the stocks of these roads have taken a slump. The same report has influenced operators to buy corn and the price has gone booming. Wheat has also advanced.

Arrangements have been made by the postoffice department at Washington for the display of weather signals from the wagons of the rural free delivery system. The innovation will shortly go into effect.

Wellington.

John Woelfenkamper, of Napoleon, was here Monday.

There was a great crowd of people in town Saturday.

The attendance at Mr. Seth Leberman's sale Saturday was very good.

Hon. H. F. Blackwell, of Lexington, transacted legal business here Friday.

Mr. Jacob Reinhard has been confined to his room for several days with rheumatism.

Judge James Cowgill, of Kansas City, was here Friday looking after his farming interests.

The initial issue of the Wellington Wave was received with words of praise from every side Saturday.

Quite a number of young people were "delightfully entertained" at the home of Mrs. Robert Luss Friday evening.

Miss May Lockhart, who has been visiting Miss Alice Gray, of Waterloo, for several days, returned home Sunday evening.

The J. R. Moorehead Lumber Co. has been given the contract for material to erect a new school house in Thorp district, four miles south of this city.

The furniture for the additional room to the public school building has been received by the board of education and will be put in place in a few days.

Herman Limberg will in a few days begin the work of tearing away the old brick part of his residence on east Fifth street preparatory to erecting a modern frame front.

Mr. Price Crutsinger has completed the work of clearing off the new right-of-way for the Mo. P. R. R. west of town, and the grading work is progressing nicely.

Mr. William Murray went to Kansas City last Friday and remained with his son-in-law, Mr. John Shaw, who is seriously sick with typhoid fever until Monday morning.

Mrs. J. F. Larkin received a letter Saturday evening from her sister, Miss Lucy Meyers, of Denver, Colorado, announcing the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Homer Meyers in that city August 8.

Many persons in Wellington will be glad to know that through letters recently received it is learned that the health of M. P. Burgess has materially improved since his removal to Excelsior Springs, Mo.

John Workman's face bore a broad smile Saturday, and all because his wife, who with other members of the family are living in Independence, came down to spend Sunday with him at the old home on his island home east of town.

Mrs. Mary Walker, after a stay of several months' with her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Williams, returned Wednesday morning to her home in Lamonte, Mo., accompanied by Mrs. Williams, who will probably be gone two or three weeks.

Mr. Frank Fry, of St. Louis, Mo., has been made section foreman on the Wellington section, and we understand he has rented property and is expecting his family to arrive in a few days. We trust they may find it a pleasant place to live and enjoy their stay with us.

Born, Wednesday, August 14, 1901, to the wife of Mr. A. F. Oberhelman, a girl. Clerks in the store had to stop him from transacting business for awhile in the afternoon of that day as he felt so big that the customers were given in some cases twice the quality of goods purchased.

Judge Thomas E. Chinn was still able to make himself heard when he left for his home in Independence Sunday morning, although he had cried two big sales and hollowed at every man, woman and child that came within two hundred yards of him during his stay, which began Wednesday morning.

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Miss Kittie Fulkerson came up from Lexington Tuesday, and spent the day with the family of H. B. Corse.

Misses Ethel Johnson, Gracie Mann and Ethel Larkin left Monday for a two weeks' visit with the family of Judge Richard Benton, near Greenton. An entertainment was given there Thursday evening, which was attended by quite a number of junior beaux and belles from here.

LEALMA.

Waverly.

Ben Cooper has returned from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Steele is visiting near Mt. Leonard.

Tom Cannon left for Webb City one day last week.

Col. Mountjoy, of Lexington, visited Waverly last week.

Hon. E. M. Edwards and wife are visiting in Marshall.

Miss Masterson, of near Blackburn, is visiting in this city.

Miss Clara Lepold, of Jefferson City, is visiting near this city.

Will Miller left for Lawton, Ind. Ter., one day last week.

Sylvia Wilson, of Malta Bend, was in Waverly one day last week.

Mr. Font Jones and wife left for Springfield one day last week.

Mrs. Shearer, of St. Louis, is visiting relatives in Waverly at present.

August Erdman, of near Alma, visited our city a few days ago.

Mrs. Frank McClure, who has been visiting in Greenwood, has returned home.

Mr. Will Slusher, of Kansas City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slusher of this city.

Mrs. Minnie Herndon, of near Marshall, who has been visiting relatives here returned home last Monday.

Mrs. W. Miller of Chetopa, Kan., who has been visiting relatives in Waverly for several weeks, has returned home.

Miss Viola Baker, of near Mt. Leonard, and Miss Wiseman, of Leavenworth, Kan., are visiting Mrs. Tom Laudrum.

Miss Cora Slusher, who has been visiting relatives in Malta Bend and Grand Pass for several weeks returned home last Saturday.

Alma.

The German school will open Monday, August 19.

Ike P. Taylor had business in Lexington Saturday.

Born, Monday, August 12, to Mrs. L. T. Brackman, a son.

H. C. Corder and son, Emmet, of Marshall, were here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. B. F. Schultz and children, of Higginsville, visited relatives in this place Sunday.

The C. & A. has put in night operators at all small stations along the western division.

Messrs. Louis Fagen and H. W. Franke spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Benton county.

Farmers claim now with these last few rains and what more might come late corn will make half a crop anyway.

Robt. C. Frerking, of the late firm of Horstman & Frerking, grain dealers, has accepted a position in the National Bank of Commerce, at Kansas City.

Claud Marquis, deputy assessor, was here Saturday shaking hands with old friends and school-mates. While here Mr. Marquis took the merchants assessment list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prigmore left Thursday of last week for Denver, Col., where they expect to spend at least two months for the benefit of Mrs. Prigmore's health.

DEATH'S BONDS BROKEN.

Lightning Opens a Childs Casket and the Little One Speaks.

Larned, Kan., August 13.—At the town of Hanston, twenty miles west of here, the 5-year-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McPrease died, or seemed to die, Sunday morning. Funeral services took place yesterday. On the way to the cemetery the metallic casket was struck by a bolt of lightning, and split open. Thereupon, to the amazement and consternation of the funeral party, the child sat up and called for her mother. The horses were knocked down, but no other damage was done. The little girl is in a fair way to recovery. It is believed she was in a cataleptic state, from which the shock of lightning aroused her.

People living in the vicinity of Hanston, who were in the funeral procession, tell many strange stories in connection with the occurrence. Some of them say that just prior to the flash of lightning, a peculiarly soft, mellow light appeared in the sky, which was so pronounced in its difference from sunlight as to attract attention and occasion comment, and that while the peculiar atmospheric or light conditions were being discussed the clap of lightning revived their attention upon the strange scene which followed.

It is also said that the lightning, after passing through the metallic coffin, passed along the running gear of the spring wagon and out on the double and single trees and burnt the end of the leather traces, so that when the horses that had been knocked down struggled to their feet, they were practically unharmed from the vehicle that contained the broken coffin and the resuscitated child.

What is thought to be one of the strangest features of the remarkable occurrence in which strengthens the belief of those who contend that it was a manifestation of the divine power, is that nobody was killed or even seriously hurt by the lightning.

Mr. and Mrs. McPrease are well-to-do ranch people, who live in the vicinity of Hanston. They have three other children, two girls and a boy. They were raised in the Catholic faith, but have not been church attendants for several years, as there is no Catholic congregation in their neighborhood. Mrs. McPrease has been prostrated since the return from the cemetery, and almost hysterical at times, and it is feared her mind may have been affected.

What a Mother Gives.

Said a mother to me one day: "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself. So I spared no pains to talk with them, to teach them, to pray with them, to be a loving companion and friend to my children. I had to neglect my house often. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I should have liked to do. I was so busy adorning their minds and cultivating their hearts' best affections that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times."

"I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the gospel; my grown up daughter a Christian woman. I have plenty of time now to sit down and rest, plenty of time to keep my house in order, plenty of time to indulge myself, besides going about my Master's business wherever He has need of me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me. Now that they have gone out into the world, I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God calls them to do."—Selected.

The Kansas City Karnival Krewe "Mintoka" festival is a dream of the past. The \$10,000-house-for-a-\$1 lottery is all off.